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TABLE 1
EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT IN MAY 1987

NOTE: These labor force data are supplied by the U.S. Department of Labor.

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED (Amounts in thousands)	MAY 1987	APRIL 1987	MARCH 1987	MAY 1986
Total civilian labor force [a/]	13,917	13,761	13,655	13,294
Total civilian employment	13,070	12,959	12,833	12,408
Total unemployment	847	802	822	886
Seasonally adjusted rate (%)	6.1	5.8	6.0	6.7
Range [b/]	5.4-6.8	5.1-6.5	5.3-6.7	6.0-7.4
U.S. seasonally adjusted rate	6.3	6.3	6.6	7.2
UNADJUSTED (Amounts in thousands)				
Total civilian labor force [a/]	13,807	13,690	13,624	13,188
Total civilian employment	13,040	12,900	12,764	12,381
Total unemployment	767	790	860	807
Unadjusted rate (%)	5.6	5.8	6.3	6.1
Range [b/]	4.9-6.3	5.1-6.5	5.6-7.0	5.4-6.8

a/ Total labor force by place of residence, including workers involved in trade disputes. Employment includes self-employed, unpaid family and domestic workers.
b/ Range as shown is at the 90% level of confidence.

HIGHLIGHTS California's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for May 1987 was 6.1 percent, up three tenths of a percent from the 5.8 percent in April 1987. A year ago, in May 1986, the rate was 6.7 percent. The rise in the seasonally adjusted rate reflects a higher than normal increase in new entrants to the labor force in search of summer employment. During May 1987 in California, seasonally adjusted employment was 13,070,000, up 111,000 over the month. Unemployment rose by 45,000. The number of job losers went down over 9.0 percent to 393,600 from 433,300 in April. The number of job leavers went up nearly 11 percent from 78,600 in April 1987 to 87,200 during May. The national civilian seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for May 1987 was 6.3 percent, unchanged from the previous month.

Total nonagricultural wage and salary employment, not seasonally adjusted, increased by 66,700 jobs from 11,541,600 in April 1987 to 11,608,300 in May 1987. The largest increase in employment was in the wholesale and retail trade sector with retail trade generating approximately 25 percent of the total growth in employment. Moderate job growth continued in the construction, services and manufacturing sectors. The largest decline in jobs was in personal services, primarily due to seasonal employment patterns. Since May 1986, total wage and salary employment has increased by 352,900 jobs -- a gain of 3.1 percent over the year. Average weekly earnings in manufacturing were $423.94 during April 1987, down slightly from the previous month.

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TABLE 2
EMPLOYMENT STATUS OF THE WORKING-AGE
POPULATION IN CALIFORNIA*
(Numbers in Thousands)
Data Are Not Seasonally Adjusted

EMPLOYMENT STATUS	MAY 1987	APRIL 1987	MARCH 1987	MAY 1986
Total				
Labor Force	13,807	13,690	13,624	13,188
Employed	13,040	12,900	12,764	12,381
Unemployed	767	790	860	807
Unemployment Rate	5.6	5.8	6.3	6.1
Male, Age 20 and Over				
Labor Force	7,381	7,276	7,214	7,181
Employed	7,031	6,899	6,787	6,796
Unemployed	350	377	427	384
Unemployment Rate	4.7	5.2	5.9	5.4
Female, Age 20 and Over				
Labor Force	5,567	5,631	5,627	5,289
Employed	5,298	5,336	5,339	4,989
Unemployed	269	295	288	300
Unemployment Rate	4.8	5.2	5.1	5.7
Both Sexes, Age 16-19				
Labor Force	859	783	784	718
Employed	710	664	639	595
Unemployed	149	119	145	123
Unemployment Rate	17.3	15.2	18.5	17.1
White				
Labor Force	11,754	11,676	11,528	11,353
Employed	11,136	11,044	10,835	10,690
Unemployed	618	632	693	663
Unemployment Rate	5.3	5.4	6.0	5.8
Nonwhite				
Labor Force	2,053	2,014	2,096	1,835
Employed	1,904	1,856	1,929	1,691
Unemployed	149	158	167	144
Unemployment Rate	7.0	8.0	8.0	7.8

*Data supplied by the U.S. Department of Labor from their current population survey. No comparable data are available for areas within California.

TABLE 3
EARNINGS AND HOURS* OF PRODUCTION AND RELATED WORKERS
IN MANUFACTURING IN CALIFORNIA

Area	Average weekly earnings			Average hours per week			Average hourly earnings		
	APR 1987	MAR 1987	APR 1986	APR 1987	MAR 1987	APR 1986	APR 1987	MAR 1987	APR 1986
California	$423.94	$432.28	$412.45	39.4	40.4	40.2	$10.76	$10.70	$10.26

*Average hours and earnings are based upon data for full-time and part-time production and related workers in manufacturing industries. Average gross weekly and hourly earnings include overtime pay and premium wages for late-shift work. Attention is directed to the fact that these are not wage rates, but are averages of gross earnings. Data are preliminary and subject to change.

TABLE 4
MONTHLY WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT ANALYSIS FOR MAY (PRELIMINARY)
EMPLOYMENT IN THOUSANDS OF JOBS
--DATA NOT ADJUSTED FOR SEASONALITY--

INDUSTRY TITLE	CURRENT MONTH	PREVIOUS MONTH	YEAR AGO	NUMERICAL CHANGE		PERCENT CHANGE	
	MAY87	APR87	MAY86	MONTH/MONTH	YEAR/YEAR	MONTH/MONTH	YEAR/YEAR
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	11608.3	11541.6	11255.4	66.7	352.9	0.6	3.1
MINING	38.8	38.9	41.2	-0.1	-2.4	-0.3	-5.8
METAL MINING	2.1	2.1	1.9	0.0	0.2	0.0	10.5
FUEL MINING	30.0	30.2	32.6	-0.2	-2.6	-0.7	-8.0
NONMETAL MINING	6.7	6.6	6.7	0.1	0.0	1.5	0.0
CONSTRUCTION	554.5	542.7	515.5	11.8	39.0	2.2	7.6
GENERAL BUILDING CONTRACTORS	148.1	143.8	137.7	4.3	10.4	3.0	7.6
HEAVY CONSTRUCTION	71.1	69.8	67.5	1.3	3.6	1.9	5.3
SPECIAL TRADE CONTRACTORS	335.3	329.1	310.3	6.2	25.0	1.9	8.1
MANUFACTURING	2072.4	2063.1	2058.5	9.3	13.9	0.5	0.7
NONDURABLE GOODS	655.9	652.8	641.3	3.1	14.6	0.5	2.3
FOOD & KINDRED PRODUCTS	168.9	167.3	163.1	1.6	5.8	1.0	3.6
CANNED, CURED, FROZEN SEAFOODS	4.8	5.0	5.2	-0.2	-0.4	-4.0	-7.7
PRESERVED FRUITS & VEGETABLES	47.7	46.8	45.0	0.9	2.7	1.9	6.0
OTHER FOOD & KINDRED PRODUCTS	116.4	115.5	112.9	0.9	3.5	0.8	3.1
TEXTILE MILL PRODUCTS	15.1	15.0	14.8	0.1	0.3	0.7	2.0
APPAREL & OTHER TEXTILE PRODS	118.7	118.9	114.7	-0.2	4.0	-0.2	3.5
PAPER & ALLIED PRODUCTS	40.2	40.0	40.0	0.2	0.2	0.5	0.5
PRINTING & PUBLISHING	145.8	145.0	143.2	0.8	2.6	0.6	1.8
CHEMICALS & ALLIED PRODUCTS	65.0	64.7	63.7	0.3	1.3	0.5	2.0
PETROLEUM & COAL PRODUCTS	26.1	26.1	27.7	0.0	-1.6	0.0	-5.8
RUBBER & MISC PLASTIC PRODUCTS	68.8	68.5	66.9	0.3	1.9	0.4	2.8
LEATHER AND LEATHER PRODUCTS	7.3	7.3	7.2	0.0	0.1	0.0	1.4
DURABLE GOODS	1416.5	1410.3	1417.2	6.2	-0.7	0.4	-0.0
LUMBER & WOOD PROD EXC FURNITURE	64.0	61.8	59.1	2.2	4.9	3.6	8.3
FURNITURE & FIXTURES	58.1	57.9	57.7	0.2	0.4	0.3	0.7
STONE, CLAY & GLASS PRODUCTS	52.9	52.3	52.0	0.6	0.9	1.1	1.7
PRIMARY METAL INDUSTRIES	41.4	41.5	40.7	-0.1	0.7	-0.2	1.7
FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS	138.2	137.9	137.6	0.3	0.6	0.2	0.4
MACHINERY EXC ELECTRICAL	209.2	208.5	213.3	0.7	-4.1	0.3	-1.9
ELECTRICAL EQUIP & SUPPLIES	393.8	394.3	400.5	-0.5	-6.7	-0.1	-1.7
TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT	313.6	310.8	310.1	2.8	3.5	0.9	1.1
MOTOR VEHICLES & EQUIPMENT	35.8	34.6	34.8	1.2	1.0	3.5	2.9
AIRCRAFT AND PARTS	175.1	174.7	169.5	0.4	5.6	0.2	3.3
SHIP & BOAT BLDG & REPAIRING	13.1	12.2	16.6	0.9	-3.5	7.4	-21.1
GUIDED MISS, SPACE VEHICLES PTS	79.3	79.0	78.6	0.3	0.7	0.4	0.9
OTHER TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT	10.3	10.3	10.6	0.0	-0.3	0.0	-2.8
INSTRUMENTS & RELATED PRODUCTS	111.8	111.9	112.3	-0.1	-0.5	-0.1	-0.4
MISC MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES	33.5	33.4	33.9	0.1	-0.4	0.3	-1.2
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	587.2	583.6	571.3	3.6	15.9	0.6	2.8
TRANSPORTATION	341.2	338.3	326.7	2.9	14.5	0.9	4.4
RAILROADS	21.5	21.6	22.1	-0.1	-0.6	-0.5	-2.7
TRUCKING AND WAREHOUSING	144.0	142.2	134.5	1.8	9.5	1.3	7.1
OTHER TRANSPORTATION	175.7	174.5	170.1	1.2	5.6	0.7	3.3
COMMUNICATIONS	162.1	161.7	162.0	0.4	0.1	0.2	0.1
ELECTRIC, GAS & SANITARY SERVICES	83.9	83.6	82.6	0.3	1.3	0.4	1.6
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	2783.2	2761.6	2679.5	21.6	103.7	0.8	3.9
WHOLESALE TRADE	713.2	708.5	691.3	4.7	21.9	0.7	3.2
RETAIL TRADE	2070.0	2053.1	1988.2	16.9	81.8	0.8	4.1
GENERAL MERCHANDISE STORES	238.7	238.5	232.9	0.2	5.8	0.1	2.5
FOOD STORES	289.1	287.7	279.2	1.4	9.9	0.5	3.5
OTHER RETAIL TRADE	1542.2	1526.9	1476.1	15.3	66.1	1.0	4.5
FINANCE INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	788.3	784.1	764.6	4.2	23.7	0.5	3.1
FINANCE	373.8	372.1	367.7	1.7	6.1	0.5	1.7
INSURANCE AGTS CARRIERS BRKRS	215.0	214.1	207.6	0.9	7.4	0.4	3.6
REAL ESTATE	179.9	178.5	170.5	1.4	9.4	0.8	5.5
COMB HOLDING & OTHER INVEST CO	19.6	19.4	18.8	0.2	0.8	1.0	4.3
SERVICES	2872.4	2862.6	2754.9	9.8	117.5	0.3	4.3
HOTELS AND OTHER LODGING PLACES	163.0	161.4	150.4	1.6	12.6	1.0	8.4
PERSONAL SERVICES	119.9	123.0	115.3	-3.1	4.6	-2.5	4.0
BUSINESS SERVICES	721.5	715.9	683.0	5.6	38.5	0.8	5.6
AUTO AND MISC REPAIR SERVICES	169.5	167.9	163.7	1.6	5.8	1.0	3.5
MOTION PICTURES	76.7	78.7	75.0	-2.0	1.7	-2.5	2.3
AMUSEMENT & RECREATION SERVICES	126.7	123.5	121.6	3.2	5.1	2.6	4.2
HEALTH SERVICES	694.2	692.2	668.7	2.0	25.5	0.3	3.8
OTHER SERVICES	800.9	800.0	777.2	0.9	23.7	0.1	3.0
GOVERNMENT	1911.5	1905.0	1869.9	6.5	41.6	0.3	2.2
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	345.2	344.4	345.6	0.8	-0.4	0.2	-0.1
STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT	1566.3	1560.6	1524.3	5.7	42.0	0.4	2.8
COUNTY	240.2	239.9	236.0	0.3	4.2	0.1	1.8
CITY	206.1	204.7	200.7	1.4	5.4	0.7	2.7
EDUCATION	836.9	834.0	813.4	2.9	23.5	0.3	2.9
EDUCATION STATE	162.4	162.8	156.8	-0.4	5.6	-0.2	3.6
EDUCATION LOCAL	674.5	671.2	656.6	3.3	17.9	0.5	2.7
OTHER STATE & LOCAL	283.1	282.0	274.2	1.1	8.9	0.4	3.2
STATE EXC ED	187.3	186.7	181.2	0.6	6.1	0.3	3.4
SPECIAL DISTRICT	95.8	95.3	93.0	0.5	2.8	0.5	3.0
TOTAL AGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	359.3	307.5	362.7	51.8	-3.4	16.8	-0.9

SOURCE: EMPLOYMENT DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
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TABLE 5

MONTHLY LABOR FORCE DATA FOR COUNTIES
MARCH 1987

COUNTY	CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT	
			NUMBER	PERCENT*
STATE TOTAL	13623800	12764000	859800	6.3
ALAMEDA	653000	618700	34300	5.3
ALPINE	875	850	25	3.0
AMADOR	9425	8725	700	7.5
BUTTE	68525	61625	6900	10.1
CALAVERAS	9650	8650	1000	10.3
COLUSA	6675	5525	1150	17.1
CONTRA COSTA	389000	368100	20900	5.4
DEL NORTE	6950	5900	1050	15.0
EL DORADO	56200	53000	3200	5.7
FRESNO	287200	247000	40200	14.0
GLENN	10125	8650	1475	14.5
HUMBOLDT	48600	43900	4700	9.6
IMPERIAL	39700	32000	7700	19.4
INYO	8700	8125	575	6.6
KERN	223700	194400	29300	13.1
KINGS	31275	27325	3950	12.7
LAKE	16450	14275	2175	13.3
LASSEN	9375	8300	1075	11.5
LOS ANGELES	4176000	3916000	260000	6.2
MADERA	31850	27675	4175	13.1
MARIN	125100	121000	4100	3.3
MARIPOSA	6250	5750	500	7.8
MENDOCINO	33625	30025	3600	10.7
MERCED	71075	60825	10250	14.4
MODOC	4050	3625	425	10.6
MONO	5425	5150	275	5.0
MONTEREY	150400	133600	16800	11.2
NAPA	54000	51200	2800	5.2
NEVADA	27950	26050	1900	6.8
ORANGE	1298500	1255400	43100	3.3
PLACER	69700	65900	3800	5.5
PLUMAS	8175	6800	1375	16.9
RIVERSIDE	384500	361400	23100	6.0
SACRAMENTO	467400	440400	27000	5.8
SAN BENITO	15075	12500	2575	17.0
SAN BERNARDINO	509300	483600	25700	5.0
SAN DIEGO	1045200	997800	47400	4.5
SAN FRANCISCO	401400	382700	18700	4.7
SAN JOAQUIN	184800	163000	21800	11.8
SAN LUIS OBISPO	89950	85600	4350	4.8
SAN MATEO	348900	337300	11600	3.3
SANTA BARBARA	179000	169500	9500	5.3
SANTA CLARA	803800	763500	40300	5.0
SANTA CRUZ	116800	106100	10700	9.1
SHASTA	53200	46775	6425	12.1
SIERRA	1375	1150	225	16.8
SISKIYOU	17250	14725	2525	14.6
SOLANO	129700	120600	9100	7.0
SONOMA	181600	171600	10000	5.5
STANISLAUS	146500	124800	21700	14.8
SUTTER	25350	20875	4475	17.6
TEHAMA	17150	15350	1800	10.4
TRINITY	4825	4000	825	17.1
TULARE	129050	111500	17550	13.6
TUOLUMNE	16725	15050	1675	10.0
VENTURA	332500	313900	18600	5.6
YOLO	67500	61600	5900	8.8
YUBA	17275	14650	2625	15.1

* NOTE: IMPERIAL COUNTY ESTIMATES ARE LOWER BEGINNING WITH THE JANUARY 1985 REPORT DUE TO A CHANGE IN METHOD OF ESTIMATING UNEMPLOYMENT.
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE IS BASED ON UNROUNDED DATA.
DATA NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED.